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Inquiry: I am writing on behalf of the Respiratory Department at Children's Hospital of San Diego. Our Emergency Care Department has requested that RT's begin administering PO Prednisone to patients in the ED with history of RAD, during acute respiratory distress. What stance does the RCB of California have on this issue? Is there anything in our scope of practice that would prevent RT's from complying with this request?

Response: Your request sounds as though you are considering implementing a protocol to approach a specific patient type with a specific initial presentation in your ED (a protocol). If this is the case, than this practice is definitely within the scope of practice of a licensed practitioner and is detailed in section 3702(b) of the Practice Act.

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